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TAGS: CSCE, TGEN, SENV, ECE

SUBJECT: SOVIET CSCE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

1. SOVIET HYDROMET OFFICIAL DR. YURIY KAZAKOV EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT TO SCICOUNS NOVEMBER 16 THAT U.S., WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN HAVE NOT RESPONDED MORE POSITIVELY TO BREZHNEV'S PROPOSALS FOR CSCE COOPERATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT. SCICOUNS RESPONDED THAT SUBSTANCE AND FORUM FOR SUCH COOPERATION IS MURKY TO US AND INQUIRED CONCERNING SPECIFICS. KAZAKOV STATED HE BELIEVED BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE WAS ADEQUATELY ADUMBRATED IN ECE SPEECH OF MFA DEPUTY MINISTER RODIONOV BUT THAT SOVIETS ARE STILL ONLY AT STAGE OF GENERATING IDEAS ON WHAT MIGHT BE PRESENTED AT BELGRADE. KAZAKOV STATED AIR POLLUTION IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD TOPIC FOR PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION, MOTING THAT "AIR POLLUTION IN

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EUROPE TRAVELS FROM WEST TO EAST." HE ALSO MENTIONED WORK TOWARD

THE UNIFORM LABELING AND CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES AS AN EXCELLENT COOPERATIVE TOPIC.

2. KAZAKOV STATED THE SOVIETS WERE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE FORUM IN WHICH SUCH COOPERATION COULD EVENTUALLY PROCEED; POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE THE ECE OR SPECIALLY CREATED COMMON MARKET-CEMA COMMISSION. WHEN SCICOUNS REMARKED THAT THE SOVIET INITIATIVE STILL APPEARED QUITE VAGUE, KAZAKOV RESPONDED THAT SOVIET PLANNING WOULD RECEIVE A CONSIDERABLE BOOST IF WESTERN POWERS DISPLAYED MORE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS.

3. A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE AT THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AYKAZYAN) RECENTLY ADMITTED TO SCICOUNS THAT HE KNEW OF NO ACTIVITY AT THE SCST ON FLESHING OUT THE BREZHNEV ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSAL, ADDING THAT HE BELIEVED MOST OF THE ACTION ON THIS WAS STILL WITHIN THE MFA.

4. COMMENT: THESE REMARKS TEND TO CONFIRM SUSPICION THAT BREZHNEV CONFERENCE PROPOSALS HAVE SO FAR BEEN INTENDED MAINLY FOR POLITICAL EFFECT. CERTAINLY KAZAKOV'S MUSING ABOUT VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR FORA -- ECE OR EC-CEMA COMMISSION -- HAS A BLITHE RING, GIVEN FIRM WESTERN PREFERENCE FOR ECE VENUE AND FACT THAT EC-CEMA TIES OF A COOPERATIVE NATURE ARE FAR EVEN FROM THE DRAWING BOARD STAGE AT THIS POINT. AS WE SEE IT, HOWEVER, REMARKS ALSO INDICATE THAT SOVIET WORKING LEVEL HAS BEEN TASKED WITH GIVING MORE CONCRETE AND PRACTICAL FORM TO PROPOSALS, AT LEAST IN ENVIRONMENT AREA. DISINGENUOUSNESS OF KAZAKOV'S PLEA FOR WESTERN SUPPORT, THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT MASK PROSPECT THAT SOVIETS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PUTTING SUBSTANTIVE FLESH ON CURRENT POLITICAL BARE BONES IN THE FUTURE.  
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